# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has proposed to issue a unique identification (UID) number to all Indian citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be introduced in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c) : Yes Sir. UID would be an eleven digit number and will remain same across the life of the resident with no re-allocation of ID. UID initiative would be initially based on the database of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and would be further updated by capturing more records through linkages with various key partner databases in a phased manner. A four-tier structure for the governance and administration of the UID program is envisaged and EGoM has approved the Creation of a UID Authority for this purpose. The advantages envisaged as an outcome of the project are that the Unique ID will be helpful in better targeting and monitoring of social benefits and employment programmes; identifying synergies between various ID initiatives prevalent in the country and reducing identity related fraud.